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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF GREENSBORO, N. C.

SPECIAL MEETING:

31 JULY 2001

Pursuant to Council action at the regular meeting of 17 July 2001, the City Council of the City of Greensboro met in special session in City Council District One at 6:00 p.m. on the above date at Guilford Technical Community College (GTCC) 400 West Whittington Street, Greensboro, NC, with the following members present: Mayor Keith A. Holliday, presiding; Councilmembers Sandra G. Carmany, Yvonne J. Johnson, Earl F. Jones, Robert V. Perkins, Thomas M. Phillips, Donald R. Vaughan and Nancy Vaughan. Absent: Councilmember Claudette Burroughs-White, excused by action of Council. Also present were J. Edward Kitchen, City Manager; Ann Mayson, Assistant City Attorney; and Juanita F. Cooper, City Clerk.

The Mayor explained the special procedures for conduct of this District One Council meeting. He emphasized that the purpose of this meeting was for Council to listen to citizens' issues and concerns related to this specific Council District.

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After the meeting was opened with a moment of silence, Councilmember Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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After Mayor Holliday recognized Don Cameron, President of the Guilford Technical Community College (GTCC), he welcomed everyone to the Greensboro campus and introduced key members of the GTCC staff present at the meeting who were responsible for the operation of the College.

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The City Manager recognized Katherine Dyksterhouse, intern in the Organizational Development and Communications Department, who served as courier for the meeting.

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Councilmember Johnson moved that Councilmember Burroughs-White be excused from attendance at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Phillips and adopted unanimously by voice vote of Council.

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Welcoming everyone to the meeting, Councilmember Jones spoke to his service to the citizens of District One and the many accomplishments which had benefited the District.

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The following members of City staff provided detailed information about specific Council District One issues: Heidi Galanti, Planning Department--an update on Comprehensive Planning; Keith Pugh, Facilities Engineering Division of the Engineering and Inspections Department--an overview of Council District One's Bond Projects; Butch Simmons, Inspections Division of the Engineering and Inspections Department--an update on Local Ordinance Enforcement Issues; Dyan Arkin, Housing and Community Development Department--report on Willow Oaks (Hope VI); Gwen Torain, Housing and Community Development Department--report on Eastside Park; and Chief Robert

White, Greensboro Police Department—update on racial profiling. . (A copy of the presentations is filed in Exhibit Drawer N, Exhibit Number 24, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

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Ron Surgeon, 1000 South Eugene Street, reiterated concerns with public drinking on the street in this area and requested that the City address this recurring problem.

Council briefly discussed various opinions and concerns with respect to this area and offered suggestions for possible solutions to existing problems.

Noting that he had repeatedly reported problems with unlicensed vendors operating in this area, Councilmember D. Vaughan emphasized the need to address this issue.

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Bill Burckley, residing at 615 Morehead Avenue, reiterated concerns with respect to parking enforcement and trash collection in the College Hill Neighborhood. He requested copies of any reports related to solid waste collection for the area, offered his personal suggestions that he believed would improve these services for this neighborhood, and spoke briefly to the conversion of former fraternity houses for other uses.

The City Manager reiterated that it was not the intent of Council or City staff to resolve issues at the District Meetings. He emphasized that the meetings were being conducted to provide citizens with an opportunity to present issues and concerns. City Manager Kitchen advised that staff would later follow up on issues raised at the meeting if necessary.

Speaking to the Mayor's recent meeting with local college and university officials, Mr. Burckley urged the Mayor to involve other members of Council and citizens in the formulation of any committees as a result of that meeting. The Mayor advised that this had been a preliminary meeting to determine if there was interest in forming an ongoing town/gown committee between the City of Greensboro and the colleges/universities that might benefit the community.

Jeryl Covington, Environmental Services Department Director, spoke to past reports that had been prepared by her department about trash collection in this neighborhood; she advised that no recent reports had been prepared.

Chief White briefly explained the process used by his Department and planned enforcement enhancements to address parking violations in the College Hill Neighborhood.

At the Mayor's request, Chief White spoke to Greensboro's National Night Out activities scheduled for Tuesday, August 7.

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Lonnie Revels, residing at 2721 Gwaltney Road, requested that the City provide landscaping improvements on Freeman Mill Road similar to those on Bryan Boulevard.

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Councilmember Perkins requested information with respect to the cost to taxpayers to conduct the District meetings.

Some members of Council offered personal opinions with respect to the conduct of district meetings and expressed the intent to evaluate the process after the last scheduled meeting in October.

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Councilmember Carmany advised that transportation-related documents were available for public review at the library, on the City's web site and in the City Clerk's Office.

Councilmember Carmany added the name of Dottie Salerno to the boards and commissions data bank for consideration for future service on the Community Resource Board.

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Speaking to Council's commitment to ensure diversity on City boards and commissions, Councilmember Johnson encourage all Greensboro citizens to consider offering to serve in one of these important areas.

Councilmember Johnson added the following names to the boards and commissions data bank for consideration for future service on the specified board/commission: Victor Denny, Human Relations Commission and Teresa DeLoatch Bryant, Board of Adjustment.

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Mayor Holliday stated that the District Three Council Meeting was scheduled for August 23, 2001 at the Natural Science Center, requested Council to address the remaining appointments to the Advisory Commission on Trees at the August 6 meeting of Council and noted that the delayed Fun Fourth fireworks display would be held on Saturday, August 4 at Grimsley High School.

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Councilmember Phillips moved that the City Council adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember N. Vaughan and adopted unanimously by voice vote of Council.

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:04 P.M.

JUANITA F. COOPER
CITY CLERK

KEITH A. HOLLIDAY
MAYOR